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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-101

TO: ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: HOURLY WAGE FOR COMPUTING PREP HOURS

GAIN regulations MPP Section 42-730.323 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11320.3(d)(2)(B) specify that the average hourly wage for all job orders placed with the Employment Development Department (EDD) be used in determining PREP hours, and that this wage be updated annually every July 1st.

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the average hourly wage to be used in this calculation as of July 1, 1986. Based on information received from EDD, the statewide average hourly wage as of July 1, 1986 is \$5.14 per hour.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to the GAIN Implementation Bureau at (916) 324-6962.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Department of Social Services and California Department of Aging

This Memorandum of Understanding is to formalize an ongoing informal agreement between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the California Department of Aging (CDA) in relation to Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) payments for provider services for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) recipients.

Specifically, the agreement is that DSS will waive the application of the requirements contained in Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 30-763.3 in relation to MSSP payments for provider services for IHSS recipients.

This section of the regulations requires county social services staff to explore and utilize alternative service delivery resources in lieu of IHSS Program funded services.

This waiver will allow MSSP to supplement MSSP clients' IHSS awards under the following conditions:

1. For cases currently authorized to receive the statutory maxima, the County Welfare Department (CWD) will not reduce the authorization of service when the MSSP grants an additional level of service over and above the IHSS maxima;
2. For cases assessed at a level less than the maxima, the CWD will not consider additional hours authorized by the MSSP as an alternate resource and will continue to authorize services at their assessed need level.

The waiver of this regulation is necessary because MSSP staff, whose clients are the most frail of the elderly, must be able to respond quickly and to the greatest extent possible to identified client needs. To qualify for MSSP services, the recipient must be age 65 or older, currently eligible for California Medical Assistance (Medi-Cal), and certified or certifiable for institutionalization in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). Accordingly, MSSP has requested and received waivers from several Health and Welfare Agency departments to enable the program to be effective in avoiding unnecessary institutionalization for the frail elderly.

The authority for this waiver is contained in the second paragraph of Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 9404, which states:

"To the extent permitted by federal law, each department within the agency, including departments designated as single state agencies for the programs described in Section 9403, shall waive regulations and general policies and make resources available which are necessary for the administration of this chapter, upon request of the agency."